

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Norifumi SHUKUNAMI, et al.

Serial No. 10/824,576

Group Art Unit: 3663

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Examiner: HUGHES, DEANDRA M

For: OPTICAL AMPLIFIER AND CONTROL METHOD FOR OPTICAL AMPLIFIER

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 20, 2007, and having a period for response set to expire on July 20, 2007. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to August 20, 2007.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.